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TOPIC: TRAVELING WITH A GUN Frankfort, Oden

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

SOURCE

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1. On 12 December 1952, the Artillerie Kaserne, northeast of August Bebel Strasse, Frankfurt/Oder, was occupied by about 700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. About 80 percent wore artillery insignia. On 2 December, about 40 troops practiced marching and about 25 troops were lined up in front of a barracks building. On 3 December, about 15 troops were at aiming practice with a 76.2-mm AA gun. Ten 76.2-mm canvas-covered AA guns were nearby. On 10 December, about 30 troops with spades and armed with submachine guns marched into the installation, coming from the direction of Rosengarten-Boosen.

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2. On 12 December, the Buelow Kaserne at the intersection of Fuerstenwalder Strasse and Post Strasse was occupied by 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and including 250 with tank insignia. On 3 December, about 50 troops received training in firing and about 60 troops drilled in the barracks yard. Ten 76.2-mm AT guns and ten 57-mm AT guns were also there. About 20 troops with a 57-mm AT gun and 25 troops with soades, the latter coming from the direction of Rosengarten, entered the installation.
3. On 12 December, source learned that the Eichhorn Kaserne on Muellroser Landstrasse was subdivided into three independent sections with separate entrances. The northeast section was occupied by about 100 uniformed women. Sentries observed wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. The southwestern section was occupied by about 500 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 2 December, about 120 troops drilled in the barracks yard and about 30 troops practiced throwing of hand grenades in the close combat training area. On 11 December, 20 troops received training in firing with submachine guns in the Kiesberge (hills) and 25 troops engaged in close combat practice in the barracks yard.

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4. On 12 December, the eastern section of Hindenburg Kaserne, north of August Bebel Strasse and east of Georg Richter Strasse was occupied by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with tank insignia. On 3 December, about 20 troops were seen drilling in the barracks yard. On 17 November, T-34 tank [redacted] was in the barracks yard. On 10 December, T-34 tanks [redacted] entered the installation. [redacted]

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5. On 12 December, the Hofbauer Kaserne, west of Birnbaummuehlen Weg and east of Schubert Strasse, was occupied by about 80 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Source expressed the belief that the number of officers on leave who stayed in the transient quarters had decreased. On 3 and 10 December, only a few officers were observed. [redacted]

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6. On 10 December, the Horn Kaserne on Nuhner Chaussee was occupied by about 500 to 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with tank insignia. On 2 December, about 40 troops were at march practice in the installation. About 40 to 50 troops were drilling outside of the installation. [redacted]

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7. On 12 December, the Ziethen Kaserne east of Kopernikus Strasse and south of the athletic field was occupied by about 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with tank insignia and a few with artillery insignia. On 6 December, about 35 troops were drilling in the barracks yard. On 11 December, 40 soldiers were gathered around a 122-mm field howitzer which was in front of an open door of a garage. The troops received instruction on the howitzer. Two tanks were observed near the ordnance shop.

8. On 12 December, the komendatura was occupied by about 30 troops wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 2 December, about 15 troops armed with rifles marched to the small athletic field for drill. [redacted]

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9. On 12 November, the Horn Kaserne was occupied to capacity by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. The barracks buildings were fully lighted after nightfall. From 1 to 12 November, eight JS-1 tanks left the installation at about 8 p.m. on several days, proceeding toward Muelleroser Landstrasse. [redacted]

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10. On 10 November, source learned that Major Milesup (fnu), chief of the special construction bureau in Frankfurt/Oder had been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

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1. [] Comment. Information in the present report indicates no changes in the location of the 32d AAA Div (US) and the 7th Gds Mecz Div at the Frankfurt/Oder military post. [] The strength estimates reported by source are again believed to be too low.

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2. [] Comment. Same source previously reported Major and/or Lieutenant Colonel Milesup as chief of the special construction bureau in Frankfurt/Oder.

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